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# DREWRY'S SIGN! MORGAN GUILTY!

## Rotten Goods Sent Out by Anti-Labor Co.

**Firm Fined for Shipping  
Food Unfit for Human  
Consumption**

The Morgan Packing Company of Austin, whose seaboard trucks have been exposed as a menace to the safety of the highways, loomed again as a major threat to the health and welfare of unsuspecting American citizens last month as it was found guilty of flagrantly violating the Federal Pure Food and Drug Act.

The case was heard by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Morgan was found guilty on eight counts of transporting food unfit for human consumption across state borders in violation of the Pure Food Act of 1938.

That this anti-labor outfit was accustomed to breaking the law in this manner was shown by the fact that Morgan pleaded guilty to all charges and readily plunked down the \$400.00 necessary to satisfy the fine levied by Judge Baltzell. This small sum hardly ruffled the thirty-million dollar firm and certainly is no deterrent to future violations.

### Food Was Adulterated

The government charges to which Morgan pleaded complete guilt read as follows: "Said food was introduced into interstate commerce and was adulterated within the meaning of said Act of Congress in that it consisted in whole, or in part of a decomposed substance."

The brands which were found to be in a state of rot are as follows:

CREAM TOMATO CATSUP  
AMERICAN BEAUTY CATSUP  
SCOTT COUNTY TOMATO PUREE  
KENMORE TOMATO CATSUP  
BEL PAESE BRAND TOMATO PASTE  
COLUMBUS TOMATO PUREE.

How many brands and how much has gone over state borders and to the consumers undetected is a matter of conjecture!

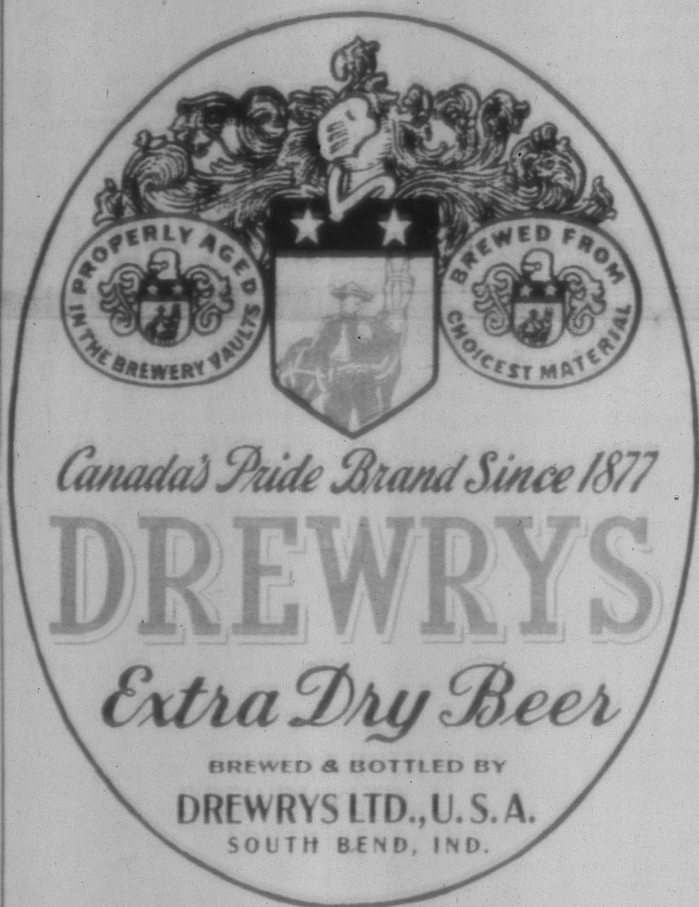
### Also Anti-Public?

Thus it appears that Morgan is not only viciously anti-labor but has the same inclinations toward the public!

Apparently the May issue of THE INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER was correct in saying, "The Morgan Company has built up a thirty-million dollar firm and certainly is no deterrent to future violations."

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*Drink This Beer!*



**Now Made Under the Finest Union  
Conditions in America**

## Just Who Discredits Congress

Senator Bella K. Wheeler discovers a conspiracy to discredit Congress, he says. He claims the public disgust over the effort of congressmen and senators to get unlimited gasoline while everyone else walks, is inspired by President Roosevelt to discredit Congress.

If Wheeler wants to know who has discredited Congress, let him get out the Congressional Record. Let him read the record of obstruction he wrote. Let him read how Congress tried to fill its pockets with a trick pension bill. Let him read how he and his sycophants tried to discredit the President.

Wheeler is right when he says there is a conspiracy to discredit Congress. He ought to know. Personally, in view of the record of Wheeler, Carly Brooks, et al, we think the conspiracy is bigger than Wheeler admits. It looks to us like a conspiracy to discredit democracy.

If democracy is discredited, people would not be so anxious to fight and sacrifice for it. That would help Germany and Japan. Whatever his motive, Wheeler is still up to his old tricks. If Lindbergh deserved a medal, Wheeler ought to get a basketful.

## Significant Pact Concluded With South Bend Brewery As Workers Join Teamsters

**Fine Agreement Brings Improved Wages and Working  
Conditions to All 220 Inside Workers and Truck  
Drivers; ends "Permit" System Abuses**

SOUTH BEND.—Democratic trade unionism scored a significant victory this month as the 220 truck drivers and inside brewery employees of Drewrys Limited, Incorporated, joined the thoroughly American Teamsters' Union and came under the provisions of a closed shop agreement with Local Union No. 364.

The new members formerly belonged to the outlaw Brewery Workers' International Union which was ousted from the American Federation of Labor for failing to abide by its well-established and time-honored rules.

### First Brewery in U.S. to Come Under Teamsters

Drewrys thus became the first brewery in the United States to come completely under the banner of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. And the contract, which was signed after ten days of negotiations, provides for the finest working conditions to be found in any brewery anywhere.

The backward South Bend Central Labor Union under the weak leadership of Edwin Turnock placed considerable obstacles in the Teamsters' path by renting office space to an international representative of the Brewery Workers' Union who was sent in to prevent more of its members from affiliating with Local Union No. 364 and to raid those who had already joined.

### South Bend CLU Nurses Outlaw Unionism

And this Central Labor Union further confused matters by sending representatives of the Carpenters' Local Union and the Plumbers' Local Union to assist the Brewery Workers' representative!

Thus the South Bend Central Labor Union was doing its best to further outlaw unionism and to defeat the AFL Teamsters whose fat per capita tax payments keep it alive.

Speaking of the new contract, Walter E. Biggs, president of Local Union No. 364, said, "Yes, the Central Labor Union attempted to thwart our progress and the wishes of the men who wanted to join the AFL Teamsters. But we are happy to report that their attempts met with utter failure and that the agreement is signed, and is a much better one than the Brewery Workers' Union ever had with the employer."

### "Glad to Correct Brewery Workers' Poor Conditions"

"We are glad to welcome these men into the Teamsters' Union and are especially happy that we were able to correct some of the poor conditions which obtained under the Brewery Workers' contract."

"Teamsters should drink Drewrys beer because their brothers not only deliver it, but also make it—under the finest union conditions in the world."

The phony "permit" system which the Brewery Workers' Union had in force for so long is now a thing of the past. This "permit" system made it possible for the employer to hire

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Walter E. Biggs



## Jim Herkless Appointed to State Labor Post by Hutson

INDIANAPOLIS.—James Herkless, former Local Union No. 135 business representative, was notified this month of his appointment as a State Labor Conciliator in the Indiana Commissioner of Labor's Office.

Thomas Hutson, commissioner of labor who appointed Herkless, in a letter ordered him to report for duty on July 1.

James Herkless, who is a veteran member of the Teamsters' Union, is particularly well qualified to assume the duties of a conciliator, having been a business agent for Local 135 for a number of years. He is well known to both employers and Union members throughout the entire state.

E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, in expressing satisfaction with the appointment of Herkless, said: "Jim has always been a loyal, hard-working union

member, and I know he will make a success of this new job. He is intelligent and sincere and honest, and the State is fortunate in securing his services."

## LABOR SHORTAGE WORRYING NAZIS

Despite the enlistment of 4,500,000 new workers since the war started, a labor shortage in Germany is reported constantly becoming more acute.

German efforts to recruit additional laborers from occupied countries have intensified in recent weeks. Reliable reports, however, show that foreign workers are becoming more reluctant to go to Germany.

Offices of the German compulsory labor service in the Baltic states are busily recruiting—by force or persuasion—volunteers for work behind the Eastern front lines. The pay these "volunteers" get is 27-pfennig daily, or 6 cents American. The average working day is ten hours.

## SOUTH BEND OIL MEN GET WAGE INCREASES

A new oil haulers' contract has been signed by Local Union No. 364 giving the drivers a \$12.50 per month increase, according to Walter E. Biggs, president of the local.

The agreement, in addition to other standard Teamster provisions, calls for \$165.00 per month, the 40-hour week and vacations with pay.

"It is a fine agreement and the members are well pleased with it," said Biggs.

## BERT MARTIN IN RACE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bert Martin of Evansville has been nominated for sheriff of Vanderburgh county. He has been president of the Building Trades Council three terms, and president of the Evansville Central Labor Union four terms.

He is business agent for the Sheet Metal Workers.

Urging Teamsters to support Martin, Clyde Birdsong, president of Local 215, said, "Bert Martin has a fine record of service to labor, and he will serve the community just as well. Let's work hard to get him elected."

## Local 369 Member Reinstated on Job

ANDERSON.—Millard Hughes, members of Local Union No. 369 who was unjustly discharged last month by his employer, the Anderson-Beverage Company, was reinstated on his job and granted three weeks' back pay as the result of the decision of a joint union-employer arbitration committee.

### Arbitration Committee

The arbitration committee consisted of the following: Charles B. Salyer, attorney; Phil O'Neal, attorney; Pete Crouse, of the Anderson-Beverage Company; Pat Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Local 369, and John Mofield, Local 369 business agent.

The decision in favor of the discharged man was unanimously agreed to after lengthy consideration and debate. It was just another example of the many reasons for belonging to a strong union.

— DRINK DREWRY'S BEER —

## Teamster Now in U.S. Navy Writes Encouraging Letter

"I can promise you that when and where we run up against the enemy, our crew is going to give a good account of itself," writes Teamster J. C. Dill, now of the United States Navy.

## UNIONS CAN HAVE DONALD DUCK FILM

Donald Duck, recently made an honorary member of a midwestern trade union, can now be seen in trade union halls merely for the asking. Donald's most recent film, Walt Disney's widely praised "The New Spirit," and a number of other films on the nation's war production effort, can be obtained by unions for showing in their halls by written request to the Labor Press Service, Labor Division, War Production Board, Room 5729 Social Security Bldg., Washington, D. C.

No charge is made for the use of these films, but exhibitors are expected to defray transportation costs and are responsible for all damage to films.

## LOCAL 716 HAS 300 MEMBERS IN ARMY JOB

INDIANAPOLIS.—Local Union No. 716 has more than 300 members working on the huge Army cantonment camp being built at Edinburgh, Indiana.

According to Al Tyree, secretary-treasurer of Local 716, the job is proceeding right on schedule. He predicted that eventually the local would have 500 men on the job.

## Denny Lewis' Ears Burn Over Rebuke

WASHINGTON.—Cooperation between the AFL and CIO is beginning to bear fruit.

American Federation of Labor members went to work in Detroit recently remodeling the building which the United Automobile Workers, CIO, recently bought from General Motors Corporation to house its international offices.

In selecting AFL craftsmen for the work the auto union ignored the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee in what some local leaders interpreted as a rebuke to John L. Lewis. This CIO group is headed by Mr. Lewis' brother, A. D. (Denny) Lewis.



J. C. DILL

Dill, who has been in the Navy since January 10, was a loyal member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135 and worked for Capitol Transfer Company.

In his letter to George Acton, Local 135 business agent, Dill said that he wished some of his old pals would write. Letters addressed to J. C. Dill, USS P. C. 477, Postmaster, New York City, N. Y., will reach him.

One hopeful note Dill expressed in his letter was, "I only wish I could tell you some of the things I see. I know you would die happy, but they are military secrets."

"Dill was a good union man and he is a good American. Those Nazis haven't a chance with men like him on their trail," said Acton.

Authorities are generally in agreement that the creation of vast synthetic rubber production capacity in this country probably means that we will import little rubber from the Indies in the future.

## NEWTON ENLISTS; WAS FINE EDITOR

KENOSHA, Wis.—Harold Newton, editor of the Wisconsin Teamster here, has decided that in the case of the present war effort, the sword, for once, is mightier than the pen.

Leastways, Newton laid aside his "pen" which was his trusty typewriter and enlisted in the United States Army. He is 36 years old.

His position on the Wisconsin Teamster has been taken over by Elmer Beck, former editor of the Sheboygan Times.

Newton wrote time and again in his well regarded Teamster editions that the war effort is a big one, and needs lots of man power, money, sweat and toil. Finally, he went out and enlisted in order to put another shoulder to the wheel.

## War Workers Are Increasing Ranks

Eight and a quarter million workers will be engaged in war production (actual war industries, arsenals, navy yards and that part of transportation and utilities directly utilized for war production) by the end of March, according to a recent estimate given Sidney Hillman, labor director of the War Production Board. This is an approximate increase of 2,250,000 since the end of last year.

With an additional 10,000,000 workers needed for the war labor forces by the end of 1942, the 2,250,000 new workers approach the two and a half million quota for the first three months of the year. As more and more plants convert to war production, the number of workers will increase beyond the set quotas, it is expected.

At the end of last year a peak of slightly more than 6,000,000 workers in war industries had been reached.

## NEW PACT WITH DEPT. STORES SIGNED BY 364

George Campbell, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 364, announces the signing of a new contract with the retail department stores of South Bend.

Under the terms of the new agreement, drivers will receive \$36.00 per week and helpers \$31.50. Inside men also received pay raises.

## THE FIGHT IS ON!

By Ruth Taylor

The world today has an opportunity seldom equalled in its history. There never was a time when discrimination, prejudice and hatred was more wide-spread. BUT—there never was a time when this hydra-headed monster was more clearly recognized for exactly what it is—a destructive force that feeds upon the weak, not as an animal, for self-preservation, but for the sheer lust of killing.

Forced into the open by the war-drums, it can be fought in the open and crushed into nothingness, if we face the dragon and fight it down instead of hedging on the issues.

Up to now we have all too often compromised with evil. We have taken sides and condoned those cruelties which did not affect our own particular interest. We need now to condemn cruelty as such—whether perpetrated it, or wherever it is in existence—whether it be in the concentration camps of Hitler, or on the chain gangs of Georgia, whether it be in the purges of Russia, or in the rape of Nanking.

We must come out definitely against discrimination, but we must be consistent. Too many people seek—not fair play for all—but rule for themselves. We have seen that situation in India. With the enemy at their gates, the Indian politicians still sought advantages for their particular group, not equality for all.

Look back a few years at the Axis record. First the Japanese complained that there was discrimination against them in Manchuria, so they seized it—and discriminated against every one else. Then the Italians claimed they were being oppressed in Ethiopia, so they started a fight—to enslave the Ethiopians. Finally Hitler claimed the Versailles treaty was unfair to Germany, so he started wars and imposed terms that made the Versailles treaty look like a Sunday school treat.

Whoever condones murder, massacre, cruelty, discrimination, slander, hatred toward any group, whether it be of race, nationality, color or religion; whoever seeks preferment for his own group at the expense of others, or without regard for the rights of others is sowing the seeds of totalitarianism. The fight at last is out in the open. As Jonathan Daniels of the Office of Civilian Defense stated recently: "Intolerance is treason today." NOW it is out in the open—clearly labeled. NOW is the time to wipe it out forever!

## "HIGH WATER" CAME, BUT TEAMSTERS SEE BIG MAY 3 PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION THROUGH!

INDIANAPOLIS.—More than 1,200 Teamsters marched in the gigantic "vitalize for victory" patriotic parade held here on May 3.

### Two Hour Parade

The parade, which was sponsored by the Indiana Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, took two hours to pass the reviewing stand and was the largest ever staged in the history of Indianapolis. Civic,

military, business and labor organizations took part in the celebration to insure its success.

### Employers Cooperate

Teamster employers of Indiana cooperated with the Union by volunteering 512 of their trucks to be driven in the parade. The trucks were decorated and bore patriotic slogans. One slogan which Local 135 had on a big semi-trailer was rather prophetic in tone. It read, "Come hell or high water, we'll see

it through!" You see, Indianapolis suffered a cloud burst during the parade, but the Teamsters stuck to the end.

### La Guardia Is Speaker

Mayor Fiorella La Guardia, of New York City, who was the principal speaker of the occasion, said: "A nation's strength is measured by its industries and what it can produce. The victor will be that group of nations that can produce the most."

"This time we are not going to the peace conference until the enemy is badly beaten. We must work hard and become increasingly strong."

### Williams Thanks All

Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135, who was also Teamster chairman of the parade, said that he was grateful for the fine cooperation accorded him by the employers and by the other locals throughout the state.

"While we have had differences with our employers, their cooperation in making the parade a success showed that we see eye to eye on Hitler—that he must be defeated. And I wish to express my appreciation to Frank Friel, C. E. Davis, Robert McClimon, all of Local 135, Paul Page of Local 233, and all the others who worked so hard to help make the Teamsters' part in the parade a success," said Williams.





## Laundries of Indianapolis Fight Union

**Would Rather Pay Lawyers' Fees Than Raise Wages of Workers**

INDIANAPOLIS.—Anti-labor laundry interests here have indicated that they would rather pay high attorneys' fees than grant a few extra pennies in wages to their hard-working, sweating employees.

This fact was brought out as the Best Grand Laundry refused to even consider the contract that it itself had earlier introduced into the negotiations with the Laundry Workers' International Union.

### Lawyer Gains from Dispute

Best Grand was following the advice of its attorney, who for his personal aggrandizement tries to see to it that union and employer NEVER agree.

Incidentally, this attorney is none other than oily FAE PATRICK of Indianapolis who claims to be such a good friend of labor. However, he is no one's friend but Fae Patrick's, as is shown by the way he strings out legitimate labor negotiations. Mr. Patrick galivants about the State of Indiana selling labor-hating employers his sure-fire union-busting formula while being on the payroll of the government as a United States Commissioner.

In addition to rejecting the contract they themselves had proposed, the company refused to accept the mediation offers of the Governor's office and the State Labor Division. The company attorney said that he would not permit Best Grand to sign the agreement even if it were mediated by 17 governors and 40 labor boards!

It has become increasingly evident that a powerful group of open-shop operators are determined to keep the union out of Indianapolis laundries no matter how much it costs in lawyers' fees or in permanent loss of business to the industry itself.

And it is this group that has pressured the Best Grand Laundry to avoid dealing fairly with the union. This was shown when the owner of the Best Grand admitted he was more afraid of the "association" than the union.

### Crown Dispute Still Unsettled, Too

And Crown Laundry workers, who walked off their jobs six weeks ago in protest to intolerable wages and working conditions, are still out, despite repeated efforts of LWIU Organizer Melvin Atkins to settle the dispute.

"It is apparent that the other laundry owners have told Crown and Best Grand that they must not let the union make any inroads into the industry in Indianapolis.

"Best Grand and Crown workers only want decent wages and working conditions and some measure of job security. Work is too hard in the washroom of a laundry to be so lowly paid," said Atkins.

A collective bargaining election held at the Best Grand designated the LWIU as the bargaining agent.

## LOCAL 362 REPORTS INCREASED ACTIVITY

HAMMOND—Frank Grunewald, business manager for Local Union No. 362, reports accelerated activity for the local.

Mover drivers and helpers recently received a 15c hourly wage increase as the result of a new contract signed with the operators.

A new agreement signed with furniture dealers guarantees weekly pay raises ranging from \$3.00 to \$7.00 for drivers and helpers.

Grunewald also said that negotiations have been opened on the new cartage contract.

## "Which System Wears Out More Tires?"



Courtesy Minnesota Teamster.

## SEYMOUR TO HAVE NEW ARMY AERIAL TRAINING SCHOOL

The War Department has announced that construction of the new \$10,000,000 Army Aerial Training School to be located near Seymour, Ind., will begin in the near future.

The training school, which will include a base airport at Seymour and three auxiliary fields located some distance from the main base, will cover some 5,000 acres and will be built at a cost of between eight and ten million dollars.

The project is under the supervision of the Louisville District of the United States Engineers, who met recently with business agents of the various crafts to discuss labor supply and the proposed wage scales.

Crothersville Teamsters' Local Union No. 694, under whose jurisdiction the project comes, has opened a temporary office at the corner of Second and Chestnut streets in Seymour and is prepared to look after the interests of the organization as soon as the work starts.

## HESS URGES LOCALS TO PAY CSDC PER CAPITA TAX

Pat Hess, president of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, urges every local in the state with over-the-road drivers to send its per capita tax on them to A. F. Hudson, Room 404, Congress Hotel, 500 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

"The Central States Drivers' Council cannot do its tremendous job properly unless every local pays up. So let's get the money in now, please," said Hess.

## TIRE SHORTAGE LURES MANY INTO MINISTRY

INDIANAPOLIS.—The number of ministers in Indiana has increased sharply and the rationing administrator of the State says automobile tires had more to do with it than religion. Several "clergymen," with no visible congregations to support them, hung signs before unused building designating them as places of worship. Then they applied for tire priorities granted the clergy.

## Los Angeles Teamster With R. A. F. Is Shot Down Twice

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (TNS)—When Teamster H. N. Coffin, former PMT driver, visited the offices of Local No. 208 in March last year to obtain a withdrawal card, he could have had no idea that not long afterward the Associated Press would carry the story of his heroism to fellow Teamsters at home.

That is exactly what happened when the wire service early this week told how Pilot Officer H. N. Coffin, along with a dozen American airmen flying for Britain in the middle east, is seeking a transfer to the U. S. Air Forces.

### Wants to Fight With U. S.

"The R. A. F. is fine," he is quoted as saying, "but now that our country is in the war I would like

to fight in our air forces. I want to get a crack at the Japs."

The former Teamster is one only of two survivors from a group of nine Americans who joined the Royal Air Force in England last June. Coffin is now in Calro, having recently arrived from Malta where he flew a Hurricane bomber.

### Shot Down Twice

The records show that in seven active months of flying he was shot down in flames twice, and wounded once.

No decision on his request for transfer has yet been rendered and the American group has been advised that temporarily they can best serve their country by continuing in their present capacity.

## SYNTHETIC RUBBER GOAL IS BOOSTED BY 100,000 TONS

WASHINGTON—Production of an additional 100,000 tons of general purpose synthetic rubber annually was authorized by the War Production Board.

The authorization was directed to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Officials said it amounts to an order. It calls for an annual productive capacity of 700,000 tons of buna S synthetic rubber to be in operation not later than the end of 1943.

This compares with an estimated normal consumption of about 600,000 tons a year of general purpose rubber, but officials said the need of our Allies is so great that they cannot indicate whether even this will yet mean any rubber for civilian uses.

For many months, at least three, there will be no rubber available for such purposes as automobile tires.

### Buna S in Addition

The buna S program is in addition to the planned capacity of 100,000 tons of special purpose rubber for civilian uses will be available, is the feeling among authorities that the rubber production figures are entirely too optimistic; that they are being put out to cover up the failure of the government to go into synthetic production of this vital commodity at an earlier date.

### Blame Jesse Jones

Most of the blame for holding up the program has been placed on the shoulders of Jesse Jones, in charge of the federal lending program, for his failure to finance it. Recently, however, WPB Chairman Nelson's powers have been stepped up to the point where officials said the authorization today amounts to an order for RFC to proceed with the program.

## AFL Executive Council Meets In Washington

**To Study Policies Which Will Guide Man Power Mobilization**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Members of the AFL Executive Council gathered here for one of their most important sessions in history, fully determined to vote any sacrifices necessary to help America win the war.

President William Green was prepared to submit to the Council highly encouraging reports on the successful enforcement of the AFL no-strike policy and on the constructive efforts of affiliated unions to speed up and increase war production.

### Green to Speak

Also high up on the list of agenda was the consideration of anti-labor legislation. President Green plans to tell the Council in detail of the victorious campaign carried on by the AFL and its Legislative Committee against the enactment of vicious measures which would have outlawed the closed shop, abolished the 40-hour week standard and destroyed the democratic freedoms of American workers.

Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, arrived in this country by clipper to place before the Council a proposal for a war-time alliance of the Anglo-Soviet-American trade union movements.

In the past the American Federation of Labor has successfully fought the proposed admission of the Soviet union movement into such bodies as the International Federation of Trade Unions on the ground that it is dominated by the government and is not a free, democratic trade union organization.

### To Review War Status

The Executive Council will review the status of the war in general and express the war aims and peace aims of American workers.

It will also survey the entire subject of war taxes and give special consideration to the latest proposal of the Treasury Department to lower personal exemptions in income taxes, thereby placing a heavy burden on those in the lower brackets who are least able to afford to pay taxes.

The policies which will guide the nation's man power mobilization program will be studied by the Council and it is expected that some declaration may be made for the guidance of this program on practical lines.

### To Back Bond Drive

The Council will unquestionably do its utmost to rally the membership of the AFL behind the War Bond drive. The AFL already has pledged itself to see to it that its members and unions purchase a billion dollars worth of these bonds by the end of the year and President Green has urged all members to place themselves on payroll allotment plans, assigning ten per cent of their weekly pay for War Bond purchases.

In addition, the Council will chart organization and administrative plans for the next quarter.

## BUILDING MATERIALS MEN GET PAY RAISE

MUNCIE—A new contract recently concluded here with the building materials dealers calls for an eleven cents hourly increase for drivers, members of Local Union No. 369.

The new pact, which covers some 75 drivers, calls for time-and-one-half after 40 hours in any work week, plus other standard Teamster provisions.

Negotiation of the agreement was concluded by D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of Local No. 369, and Dave Mott, business agent.



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## Asher is Still Spouting!

As we go to press the future of Court Asher's miserable little anti-American sheet at Muncie is not quite certain. What is certain is that America can well do without such low individuals like Asher who would rather see Americans fighting each other than our enemies—the Japs and Germans.

A recent issue of the "X-ray" was banned from the mails by the Post Office Department for having made seditious utterances. Hearings will begin soon in Washington and Asher will have to show cause why his paper should be allowed to continue.

In the meantime, Asher fawned a bit and the Post Office Department allowed the May 9 issue of the "X-ray" to go through the mails unhampered.

However, this will not fool anyone.

Hitler frequently promised to abide by the rules of civilization, but every spring he broke his word anew and started another bloody attack against some weaker and peaceful people.

Charles E. Coughlin repeatedly promised his superiors in the Catholic Church that he would cease stirring up racial hatreds and preaching sedition instead of the Gospel. And he also broke his word every time. Now he is under investigation by the Justice Department and may soon be indicted for sedition.

And Court Asher, who has long been a law breaker, is certainly not to be trusted. If the spotlight were to be taken off the "X-ray," Asher would soon be up to his hate-preaching tricks again.

So we ask the Post Office Department and the Department of Justice to seriously consider Court Asher, his newspaper, and his threat to America's war effort.

The Teamsters' Union has no personal interest whatsoever in Asher or any of the other spouters of sedition. But the Teamsters do have a vital interest in the democratic system of government which Asher has shown he does not understand or want for America. Teamsters as American workingmen know that their future security and well-being is inextricably tied up with the democratic system of government.

D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon or something for the Ku Klux Klan, is now serving a life sentence in Michigan City State Penitentiary for rape and murder. He and Court Asher are pals.

And we think these old pals should get together again—IN PRISON.

## Browder is Out of Prison

Earl Browder has been released from prison after serving almost enough of his term to be eligible for parole.

No doubt this will be taken as an excuse for the Roosevelt-haters and labor-haters to renew their hymn of hate and make more propaganda.

Personally, we hold no brief for Browder. So far as we are concerned, they could have kept him there the rest of his life. His incarceration was not hurting the war effort. In fact, he was pro-German when he went to prison. We think it is a bad time to let pro-Germans out of prison.

But as long as we let them stay in the halls of Congress and edit big newspapers, we might as well turn Browder loose.

At least the Communists began supporting the war after Pearl Harbor. That's more than we can say for the America Firsters.

No doubt the President had a good reason for his action. The President has been our friend under some pretty tough circumstances. If he sees fit to turn Browder out, we will make no protest. Browder had almost served his minimum time, anyway.

So don't let anybody fool you when the Browder storm breaks loose. It will be the same old anti-labor chorus, simply singing a new tune.

## LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTH

Politics is over, so now back to work. We were fortunate in this campaign, as all our friends were nominated. For the next few years, we in Lake County and in East Chicago should have fair sailing. We lost our Congressman, W. T. Schulte, but I believe his successor, Ray Madden, will be friendly towards organized labor.

We have completed negotiating our Excavating and General Drivers agreement and received \$1.00 to \$1.60 per day increase. Our Scrap Iron drivers' and helpers' agreement was also signed. This group received substantial increases.

The coal yards have signed a new contract giving the boys raises.

At the time we are having some difficulties with our lumber yards, which I think will be brought to a head soon.

The boys hauling steel inside of the steel mills received wage increases. We appeared before the Defense Plant Corp. and were able to secure an increase for our Batch Haulers on the American Steel job. Those boys will be making money enough to pay their drivers \$1.00 per hour. Tobacco Drivers' contract will be next, then Tank Wagons, Filling Stations, Furniture Drivers' contracts follow. No rest for the wicked.

**I AM APPEALING TO ALL OUR MEMBERS TO BUY BONDS AND STAMPS WITH THE MONEY THEY RECEIVE ON THESE INCREASES. SUBSCRIBE TO THE PAYROLL ALLOTMENT PLAN. KEEP BUYING BONDS EVERY PAY DAY. OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN GOOD TO US. NOW OUR COUNTRY NEEDS OUR HELP. SO PLEASE BUY ALL THE BONDS AND STAMPS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE ABLE TO. REMEMBER THOSE HEROES AT BATAAN, CORREGIDOR, AND OTHER PLACES, ARE NOT RECEIVING RAISES, BUT ARE FIGHTING LIKE HELL FOR YOU AND ME. SO BUY BONDS AND STAMPS EVERY PAY DAY.**

Certified Concrete and Steel Transportation Company are the two latest companies to go 100 per cent for payroll allotment. I believe we of Local Union No. 520 are as close if not closer to having 100 per cent of our members buying bonds and stamps than any organization in this region.

Calumet Teaming will move into their new quarters soon. The new and bigger garage will be located at Chicago and Railroad Ave.

Cushman, Boswell Brothers and Bards Steel Hauling companies are the newest firms to locate in East Chicago. Welcome.

## — DRINK DREWRY'S BEER —

Double layer grain horsehide gloves developed for handling the barbed wire at Fort Belvoir, Va., are being considered to save the hands of women entering war industries.

## No Advertising!

You will notice that no advertising appears in these columns. That is no accident. The Indiana Teamster does not accept advertising of any description. We believe that it is the duty of a Labor newspaper to print the news and views of Organized Labor, and not those of the advertisers. Paid advertising usually hampers the editorial freedom of a newspaper. It has long been a policy of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to avoid advertising in its official publications. We subscribe to that policy. We represent the Indiana Teamsters, and none else!

## President's Anti-inflation Plan

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's seven-point program for checking rising living costs and runaway inflation calls for sacrifice on the part of all Americans, which is just as it should be.

If democracy is to triumph over fascism as a way of life, all of us are going to have to bear an equal share of the burdens imposed by the mighty struggle.

As a matter of fact, the President's plan, if carried into effect as it probably will be despite the ravings of certain class interests, will bring real democracy to America's war effort. No group will profiteer at the expense of the armed forces and the masses of wage earners.

It is a privilege to sacrifice for the noble cause of democracy. And the President's program calls for "equality of privilege" for all Americans in bearing the burdens of total war.

In his message to Congress, the President said that our standard of living will have to come down. If that is necessary to beat the Nazis and the Japs, we cheerfully accede.

And it is heartening to observe that the knife that is going to cut standards of living will start at the top with those who have been making more than \$25,000.00 a year.

The President's sincerity is undoubted. Under his plan, he will have to give up \$50,000.00 per year of his salary as Chief Executive. Thus the hardships of war are to be distributed evenly, unlike the last war when so many made millions while the common people made war.

It is also encouraging that the program does not call for legislation that would put drastic curbs on organized labor. Labor has voluntarily adopted the democratic principle of self-restraint. It will do everything to help win the war, not lose it. No legislation is needed. The President knows that.

While all are going to sacrifice, the President has assured us that the government "will continue to give due consideration to inequalities and the elimination of substandards of living."

In his radio speech to the nation, President Roosevelt said that he knew the American workingman realizes just what is at stake in the war. "I know they will gladly embrace this economy and equality of sacrifice—satisfied that it is necessary for the most vital and compelling motive in all their lives—winning through to victory."

"Never in the memory of man has there been a war in which the courage, the endurance and the loyalty of civilians played so vital a part."

"Many thousands of civilians all over the world have been and are being killed or maimed by enemy action. Indeed it was the fortitude of the common people of Britain under fire which enabled that island to stand and prevent Hitler from winning the war in 1940. The ruins of London and Coventry and other cities are today the proudest monuments to British heroism."

Yes, President Roosevelt, the common people of Britain stood up under fire, and so will the common people of America. We do know what is at stake for all of us, and we will never stop working, or stop sacrificing or stop fighting until the threat to our free America is wiped off the earth.

## And They Call us Racketeers!

The superintendent of the labor-hating Crown Laundry of Indianapolis recently took the occasion of a letter to Congressman Louis Ludlow to defame the Teamsters' Union.

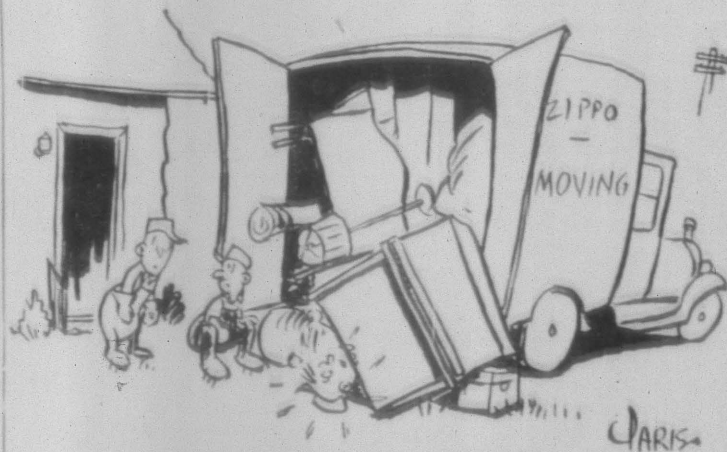
He said we were "racketeers."

Incidentally, this Crown Laundry is the same outfit whose workers recently walked off their jobs in protest to intolerably low wages and poor working conditions. They were receiving 26c an hour.

We venture to say to this superintendent that when the contributions to civilization's progress are totalled, that the score of Teamsters' Union will be far better than that of such management as represented by Crown Laundry.

Twenty-six cents an hour! Are the prices charged by Crown Laundry correspondingly low?

Who are the "racketeers"?



"He says there's a few things he wants to get off his chest before he dies."



# N. A. M. Should Investigate Own Membership, Declares Tobin

## Labor Pledges Blood for the Armed Forces

Presidents William Green and Philip Murray in Appeal for Donors

WASHINGTON, D. C.—War production workers made ready this month to increase donations of blood for plasma for the armed forces as the presidents of both major branches of organized labor issued calls to "every able-bodied member" to give a pint of blood through the American Red Cross Blood Donor Service.

### Presidents Speak Out

Further evidence of the closing of labor's ranks during the war emergency, simultaneous statements by Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, urge the "soldiers of industry" to make "this vital donation" to save the lives of the men at the front.

At the same time, a request by the Army and Navy for an additional 350,000 units of plasma, (each equivalent to a pint of whole blood) was announced by Chairman Norman H. Davis of the Red Cross. Numerous group donations have been made by unions in the 187 cities where the Blood Donor Centers are located, Red Cross officials report.

"However, it should be remembered," Chairman Davis points out, "that our ability to make steady deliveries as requested by the Army and Navy depends upon the willingness of those living near the 18 Red Cross Blood Donor Centers to volunteer as blood donors."

### Soldiers of Industry

Green's statement follows: "The men in the front line trenches have the assurance that the soldiers of industry, those who work in the nation's mills and factories, are doing everything in their power to aid in the defense of America."

"The American Red Cross has embarked on a project to provide blood for the treatment of men injured in the battle to protect democracy. Many volunteer donors are needed. This is one more way we can help our armed forces from behind the lines."

"I urge every able-bodied member of the American Federation of Labor who can do so to visit one of the 18 Blood Donor Centers of the Red Cross to make this vital donation so that lives may be saved by the presence of an adequate supply of this life-saving plasma."

Murray's statement:

### Pearl Harbor Cited

"Organized labor of America is doing everything in its power to see that the men in the armed forces have the necessary arms and supplies in this fight against fascism."

"Pearl Harbor has shown us that blood plasma, immediately available at the scene of attack by the enemy, is the means of saving hundreds of lives of our soldiers and sailors."

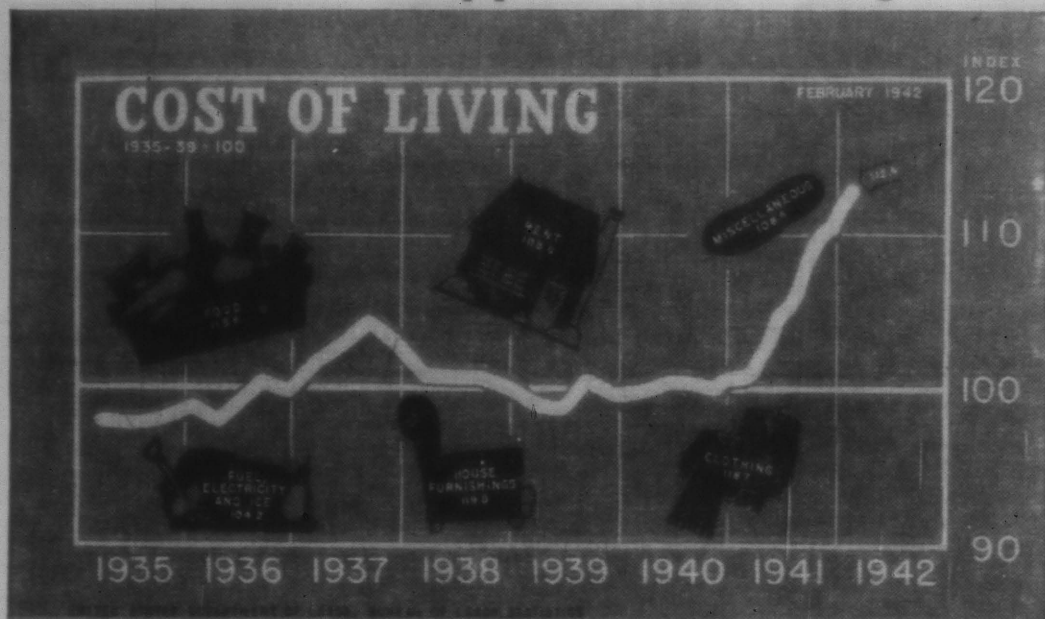
"To the worker at home, the donation of a pint of blood means little sacrifice. To the men wounded in war's conflicts, it may mean life or death."

"Let every member of the Congress of Industrial Organizations who can do so make his contribution to the blood plasma bank of the American Red Cross."

"This is the least we can do."

— DRINK DREWRY'S BEER —

## Here's What's Happened to Living Costs



War is an expensive job and every American is feeling its effects today. The Labor Department chart above shows that we now pay about 17 per cent more for food, about 19 per cent more for clothes and about 20 per cent more for home furnishings. Cost of fuel and electricity haven't jumped as much, about 4 per cent. On the whole American living costs have risen about 13 per cent over the pre-war period.

## NEW AGREEMENTS BEING DISCUSSED IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS. — Local Union No. 135 reports that renewal contract negotiations have been opened with several warehouses and trucking companies.

New agreements are being discussed with the following: Kibler Trucking Company, Kroger Baking and Grocery Company, Bessire & Company, Kingan & Company, Stark & Wetzel Packing Company and several others.

When the contracts are signed they will be retroactive to May 1, according to Business Agent Ernie Crickmore, who is assisting E. J. Williams in the negotiating.

Negotiations have also been opened in the city delivery and pickup division.

## Currier Union Bolts CIO; Affiliates with the AFL

DETROIT, Mich.—CIO union employees of the Currier Lumber Co. have voted to affiliate with the AFL, their union president announced, ending a controversy that flared into a national issue last fall.

Burley Kistner, president of the Currier local of the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee (CIO), said that "general dissatisfaction with the service given by the CIO United Construction Workers," caused the change.

## — DRINK DREWRY'S BEER —

## ISFL TO HOLD ED. INSTITUTE THIS YEAR AT PURDUE

INDIANAPOLIS. — The fourth annual Educational Institute of the Indiana State Federation of Labor will be held at Purdue University in Lafayette on June 13 and 14, according to Adolph J. Fritz, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

Speakers for the occasion have not yet been announced. There will be open forum discussions of such vital questions as man-power mobilization and our war effort and the peace that follows.

Urging local unions to send representatives to the conference, Adolph J. Fritz said, "We are most anxious to have a large and representative gathering this year in view of the many and serious national problems facing us."

The meetings will be held in the lounge of the Union Building on the campus of Purdue University.

## FLASHES FROM FORT WAYNE LOCAL 414

By PAT HESS

The truck drivers and plant employees on ready-mix concrete, working for the Old Fort Supply and Erie Material Companies, were granted an increase of ten cents an hour and a week's vacation with pay. These boys are doing a good job on the eight million dollar General Electric building and also on our new airport.

The 1942 beer driver contracts for the Allen Products and Wayne Products are under negotiation at the present time.

Negotiations have been opened on the 1942 contract for the Perfection Biscuit Company drivers.

Fugate & Girton, Howard Sober and Kenosha Driveaway Companies are practically at a standstill, but nearly all of these members are working on defense jobs—and can they work!

Starting on Saturday, May 16, coal truck drivers and helpers will be off all day Saturday, during May, June, July and August.

By the vote that is being taken at the meetings of the various units it looks as though we will not have a picnic this year. Instead, this money is to be turned into defense bonds.

Your secretary-treasurer has been appointed to the Transportation Committee. This committee will have a real job to do, as transportation for the workers in the various defense plants here in Fort Wayne is in a critical condition.

We hate to brag up here in the northern part of the state, but we did get a lot of compliments on our sound car along the line of march in the parade that was held in Indianapolis.

LOCAL NO. 414 WILL BUY AN ADDITIONAL TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS' WORTH OF BONDS BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. THIS WILL MAKE TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS UP TO DATE—WE HAVEN'T STARTED YET. BESIDES NEARLY ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE BUYING BONDS THROUGH THE COMPANIES FOR WHICH THEY WORK.

A. C. Borgmann & Son Trucking Company is now 100 per cent union and is paying the city scale.

The coal truck drivers surely did a good job picking up the scrap

## 1942 STRIKES ONE-FIFTEENTH OF 1941 FIGURES

William H. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board, last week reported that man days lost due to strikes in the first three months of 1942 was one-fifteenth of the number of man days lost through strikes in the first three months of 1941.

"The deck is relatively clear," declared Davis, "considering the gigantic size of the war program." He further urged an all-out effort to reduce strikes to the absolute zero.

The number of workers engaged in producing war materials has increased three and two-thirds times since the first three months of 1941—from about 156,000,000 man days to about 552,000,000 man days.

### Little Effect

Some of the largest strikes this year really had little effect on war production, Davis pointed out. The New Orleans Laundry strike in March is one proof of this statement. About 32,500 man days were lost but they had little to do with holding up the war effort.

Davis also declared that union security requirements in the war labor board orders were designed to protect labor unions from anti-labor employers while the "war-time and no-strike" ban is in effect. These provisions are similar to union contracts making union membership a condition of employment, he declared.

## — DRINK DREWRY'S BEER —

## ORE. TEAMSTERS FORM A DEFENSE DRIVING CORPS

Teamsters of the Salem, Ore., area have volunteered to form a defense driving corps. Along the entire west coast teamsters' unions are joining in the movement, and plans are progressing to perfect the organization so that there will be no confusion in the event of an emergency.

The volunteers are to be divided into sectional groups, and subdivided according to type of transportation used. They will receive assignments in first aid, casualty station, messenger center and office work. Instructions will be given concerning driving during blackout periods.

Iron here in Fort Wayne (some 200 tons) and the dealers are to be complimented for the use of their trucks.

## IBT President Speaks Before Boston Local

"Labor Not Guilty of Any Foreign Alliances Detrimental to U. S."

Speaking before the fifth anniversary celebration of the Boston Bakery Drivers' Union, Local 494, International President Daniel J. Tobin declared that labor would make any sacrifice necessary to win the war against fascism.

"That is only what labor should do, because labor has all, everything, at stake in this conflict. If we should lose this war, the masses of the working people would lose the very things that for generations they have been striving to obtain—mainly liberty, justice, freedom, peace, and above all, the right to progress and live in the hope of making the world better for those who come after us," said Tobin.

### Labor Is No Traitor

Exposing labor's enemies as unpatriotic, President Tobin continued, "The anti-labor legislation contemplated in Washington which has been so thoroughly advertised is, in the judgment of those who are in a position to know, a policy promoted by many large corporations who are not friendly to labor and who have proved themselves to be enemies of the government, many having contracts and understandings with German business and German governmental institutions, to the detriment and injury of our country and the cause for which the flower of our nation are offering up their lives."

"Labor has not been charged, nor proved guilty, or even suspected of entering into any alliances or understandings with foreign labor groups or governments to the detriment of the United States."

"The National Manufacturers' Association from its beautiful, monumental structure in Washington instead of devoting nine-tenths of its time in an attempt to destroy labor and labor unions by promoting anti-labor legislation could well afford, in the interests of our country, to investigate its own contributing membership."

### Keep Eye on Labor-Haters

"Labor is not lying dormant. It has and will continue to have its eye and the agencies of the government watching and scrutinizing the actions of many of these large labor-hating institutions before this controversy is ended. And those who are guilty of infidelity or betrayal of our government will be held up for public condemnation by the citizenship of our nation."

The celebration, which was attended by both union members and their employers, marked five brilliant years of organization and progress for the Boston Local.

In closing President Tobin paid high tribute to the members and officers of Local 494. "I congratulate the members of this union for their willingness to sacrifice, as they have demonstrated by the offering of their blood, and most of all for their clarity of vision in realizing the dangers that confront civilization. And my closing request of you tonight is that you go on and on contributing in your splendid work of educating yourselves and those around you as to the necessity of sacrificing; endeavoring by that education and procedure to prepare those within your own families and those with whom you come in contact for the greater sacrifices and sufferings we will be required to make before this deadly, bloody conflict for the right to survive as free men has ended."



# IBT Invests Additional Two Millions in Freedom!

## International Makes Huge Bond Purchase

**Union Now Has Total of \$5,600,000 Invested in Democracy**

INDIANAPOLIS.—The International Brotherhood of Teamsters this month bought an additional \$2,000,000 worth of United States War Bonds, bringing its total cash investment in democracy to date to the huge figure of \$5,600,000!

The purchase of War Bonds is in line with the International Union's policy of going all-out in its determination to see the vicious forces of fascism brought to final, unqualified defeat.

### Proves Union's Sincerity

This latest purchase of Bonds proves the sincerity of the International's offer to place its entire financial resources at the disposal of the government for the prosecution of the war.

The \$5,600,000 figure above does not include the Bond purchases of the individual local unions throughout the country which may well run into several times that figure.

The Teamsters' Union is determined to see the battle for freedom won, and it is going to see that our soldiers have the most modern and complete equipment with which to do the job. The men and money of the Teamsters' Union are in the war to the bitter end.

### "Answer Roosevelt's Appeal," Tobin

In purchasing the Bonds, General President Daniel J. Tobin, said, "These investments are the answer of the Teamsters' Union to the appeal of President Roosevelt for the money to fight the war. We are determined to see our country through to victory. The Axis must be defeated or else our free way of life will be doomed forever. Teamsters are fighting at the fronts, and their brothers at home are seeing to it that they are supplied with weapons."

The latest Bond purchase would pay the monthly salary of 66,000 Marines.

### Buy Bonds, Stop Inflation

President Roosevelt has urged the purchase of War Bonds not only to finance the war as it is being fought, but also for another important reason—to help keep inflation away from America.

President Tobin said that buying War Bonds is a distinct privilege and at the same time the best investment in the history of civilization.

## Feed Workers by Canteens in Plants

It was pointed out that the British have learned from actual experience that the improvement of the diet of workmen is followed by increased output without any conscious increased effort, and by a reduction in the number of accidents. In accordance with this finding, the British minister of labor recently ordered canteens to provide nutritious low-cost meals in all plants employing 250 or more workers.

### — DRINK DREWRY'S BEER —

Women workers at Northam Warren's Stamford, Conn., plant who used to stand guard over a brew of nail polish or fashion a bottle cap for the colored liquid, now help make bombers. While the factory, one of the first cosmetic plants to convert, was making the transition from nail polish to bombers, the women went to a trade school and learned to manipulate calipers and fit out fighting planes instead of beauty kits.

## Vitamins Spell Victory

"The Future of America Depends on Our Stamina!"

The Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, under the direction of I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, is sponsoring a series of articles by outstanding scientists and medical men on the subject of proper food and diet.

This is an article written by Dr. Walter H. Eddy, Professor Emeritus of Columbia University. He is the nation's leading authority on scientific nutrition. Everybody's hearing about vitamins today—but not so many know exactly what vitamins do, why we need them, and where to get them. This and following articles will help to answer these queries.

### Vitamin A

Vitamin A is used in building certain pigments in the eye which you need in order to see clearly. It is used to maintain normal tooth enamel. Most important of all, it provides something that keeps the linings of your breathing passages and your digestive tract resistant to attack by disease germs. These three uses are of real practical importance to everybody and of especial importance to certain industries.

One big industrial plant, for example, found that by feeding vitamin A, the men who were matching colors in the enamel on certain products were much more accurate with a high intake of this vitamin. Aviators have found that increasing their vitamin A intake also helps their vision and truck drivers are able to see better at night if they are plentifully supplied with vitamin A.

Colds and infections of the breathing passages are common in the winter months. Such colds make for lost time from the job and lost time means lost money. Plentiful supply of vitamin A by simply

making you more resistant to attack by colds and other infectious organisms has been shown to definitely reduce absenteeism—to help keep men on the job.

Vitamin A occurs in Nature in two forms: as a yellow colored substance called "carotene" because it was first discovered in carrots; also, in a colorless form dissolved in certain oils and fats such as fish liver oils and butter. The popularity of cod liver oil is due largely to its rich content of this vitamin.

You can, however, get vitamin A in one or the other of these forms in quite a wide range of natural foodstuffs. There is considerable variation in the concen-

## Evansville City Men Get Wage Increase

EVANSVILLE.—Two hundred and fifty city drivers received an hourly wage increase of ten cents as the result of a new pact recently concluded with the operators, according to C. B. Birdsong, president of Local Union No. 215.

tration of vitamin A in natural foods but you don't have to go outside of the foods that people ordinarily eat and like to get a very satisfactory supply of this vitamin: vegetable greens—cabbage, kale, spinach, turnip greens, etc.; yellow root vegetables—carrots, sweet potatoes, etc.; dairy products—milk, butter, cheese; all supply abundant amounts of this vitamin and today you can also buy it in concentrated form, in fish liver oils, and in various vitamin preparations.

It is customary to measure potency of vitamin A in what are called "U. S. Pharmacopoeia Units" and it is generally agreed today that you and I need at least 4,000 units of vitamin A a day to meet our bodies' requirements. If you purchase vitamin concentrates, be sure to look at the label and see what the potency is and then take enough to insure a daily supply of at least 4,000 units.

Don't lose time on the job. Don't let accidents or poor work develop from bad eye sight. Keep your tooth enamel sound; don't help tooth decay just because you haven't been wise enough to get daily the amount of vitamin A that you require.

## Transamerican Gives Eighteen Safety Awards

**Walter Hise Holds 8-Year No-Accident Record with Company**

INDIANAPOLIS.—Eighteen members of Teamsters' Local Union No. 135, drivers for Transamerican Freight Lines, Inc., received safety awards this month for careful and sane driving.

### 8-Year Record for Walter Hise

Averaging between 50,000 and 100,000 miles a year under every conceivable condition, Teamster Walter Hise of Indianapolis has an enviable eight-year record of driving without any accidents. Forrest Money has driven seven years without an accident. Paul Maupin and Charles McDowell have both driven six years with no accidents; Fred Marshall and Larry Geissinger, five years.

### One Year Men

The following have driven one year without mishaps: Lloyd Secrest, Earl Gentry, Orville Hoffert, James Summers, Jack Stewart, John Gardner, Elmer Bunce, Dale Sparks, Fred J. Sickle, Harry Moore, Joseph Underwood, and Everett Parks.

Transamerican holds regular monthly safety meetings at which highway problems are thrashed out.

"We are proud of these men and we wish them continued success. It is the policy of the Teamsters' Union to encourage safe driving and we are ready at all times to co-operate with the employers in obtaining that end," said E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135.

## Steelman Punctures Lie About Work Stoppages

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Labor's and management's pledge of full cooperation and continuous production "has been 99.97 per cent successful," John R. Steelman, head of the U. S. conciliation service, told the convention of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

"Careless recital of the dramatic side of strikes in the press and on the screen and over the radio has given too many people the impression that our war efforts are being held up in a serious way because of willful strife in a major part of American industry. This is a dangerous lie that serves the purpose of the Axis but serves no good end among us," Dr. Steelman said.

## ILLINOIS PLANTS PROBED BY STATE

CHICAGO.—Francis B. Murphy, Illinois state director of labor, has denied granting exemptions to laundry employers from state laws protecting women and minors, such as the "Eight-Hour Day for Women," according to the Chicago Sun of April 7.

When asked whether laundries had asked for, or received, exemptions, Murphy replied that many of them had made such applications, but that none had been granted. A certificate testifying that the applying firm is engaged in work for the armed forces is required before the board will grant an exemption.

"We have found a great many violations of the labor laws among laundries," Murphy said. "For that reason, we are having them all re-examined to determine whether they are violating the eight-hour day and six-day week laws."

## THESE FIRMS BUY FROM UNFAIR MORGAN PACKING COMPANY

CHECK THIS LIST!

Chas. W. Bauermeister Company, Terre Haute

Beyer Grocery Co., Fort Wayne

Bluffton Grocery Co., Bluffton

A. Brown & Company, Evansville

C. E. Bursley & Company, Fort Wayne

L. C. Callahan & Co., Lafayette

M. O'Connor & Co., Indianapolis

Dee Wholesales Company, Hartford City

John R. Figg Wholesale Grocery Company, Bloomington

Furnas Distributing Co., Westport

Gary Wholesale Grocery Company, Gary

George Hitz & Co., Indianapolis

Joseph Goddard, Muncie

A. Grafe & Co., Terre Haute

John C. Groub Co., Seymour

Hale Distributing Co., South Bend

Hulman & Company, Terre Haute

Indiana Flour & Feed Co., Gary

Indiana Wholesale Food Supply Company, Gary

Inter City Wholesale Grocery Company, Peru

Jaggers Wholesale Grocery Company, Indianapolis

Chas. H. Johnston's Sons Company, Greensburg

S. Kahn & Sons Co., Evansville

C. D. Kenny Company, Richmond

Kothe-Wells & Bauer Company, Indianapolis

W. A. Leffel, Logansport

Linton Wholesale Grocery Company, Linton

A. L. Lutz, Hammond

W. M. Mattox Co., Terre Haute

J. P. Michael, Indianapolis

J. S. Mitchell, Windfall

McMahon & Leib Co., Marion

National Wholesale Grocery Company, Indianapolis

Peerless Service, Gary

A. H. Perfect & Co., Indianapolis

J. C. Perry Co., Indianapolis

Regal Stores, Indianapolis

Schnull & Company, Indianapolis

C. A. Schrader, Indianapolis

Simon Brothers, Inc., South Bend

E. E. Smoher, Muncie

Stogedill Fairway Market Company, Bedford, Bloomington and Muncie

Trembly & Williams, Greencastle

E. H. Walker Wholesale Grocery Company, Shelbyville

J. E. Walters, Indianapolis



# Significant Pact Concluded With South Bend Brewery As Workers Join Teamsters

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brewery workers, with full union approval, at a lower rate of pay than was paid the regular union members. But the "permit" workers had to pay as much dues as the regular members. Thus the Brewery Workers' Union and the employer had a nice, cozy mutually profitable agreement at the expense of the "permit" workers who enjoyed none of the benefits of belonging to a union. The Teamsters have corrected this situation for once and for all.

The new contract, which was signed May 11, brought improved working conditions and substantial wage increases to truck drivers, bottlers, brewmasters and even the night watchmen.

Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to General President Tobin, and I. E. Goldberg, crack labor attorney from Milwaukee, played major parts in the successful negotiation of the agreement.

## Watch for These Letters! They Are Morgan's Code

The following CODE letters are used on the ends of cans of food packed by the **Morgan Packing Company** and sold to certain chain stores and others. The foods appear under the buyers' labels, but just look at each end of the can for these letters:

Butter Beans.....	BNBT	Chicken Noodle Soup.....	CKND
Lima Beans.....	BNLM	Chicken with Rice Soup.....	CKRC
Pork & Beans.....	BPBK	Red Beans & Chili.....	RDCH
Kidney Beans.....	BNKY	Mixed Vegetables.....	VGMX
Red Beans.....	BNRD	Breakfast Fruit.....	BEFT
Tomato Puree.....	TPRH	Evergreen Corn.....	INSCE
Tomato Soup.....	TMSP	Yellow Field Corn.....	INCFY
Tomato Juice.....	TMJC	Field Corn Mixed.....	INFM
Tomato Cocktail.....	TMCK	White Field Corn.....	INCFW
Beets, Cut.....	BTCT	Country Gentleman Corn.....	INSCG
Beets, Sliced.....	BTSL	Spaghetti, No Cheese.....	SPNC
Beets, Diced.....	BTDC	Vegetable Soup.....	VGSP
Kraut.....	SRKT	Tomato Catsup.....	TMKP
Peas & Carrots.....	P6C4	Sweet Potatoes.....	POSW
Carrots.....	CRRT	Pumpkin.....	PMKN
Macaroni & Cheese.....	MCCH	Hominy.....	HMNY
		Spaghetti.....	SPHT

**IF THE CAN HAS THESE LETTERS ON IT, THE FOOD WAS PACKED UNDER SCAB CONDITIONS!**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor sent a cable to General Douglas P. MacArthur, Allied Command, Australia, congratulating him in the name of five million AFL members for his "fearlessness and skill" and pledging the united effort of the AFL to "build for our armed forces the finest and best war weapons the world has ever produced."



"100 HOSTAGES WILL BE KILLED..."—Memories of the inhuman "100 to 1" formula whereby the Nazis murdered 100 French hostages for every German killed in occupied France are revived by this forceful cartoon. Drawn by D. R. Fitzpatrick, nationally known cartoonist of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, this illustration and others point up the story of Hitler's treachery and plans for world-domination contained in a new booklet, "Divide and Conquer," issued by the Office of Facts and Figures. "The idea of pacifism and humanity may be quite good," Hitler has said, "after the supreme race has conquered the world." Having conquered a nation, Hitler enslaves it by mass terror on a scale beyond measure in human history. Copies of the booklet are available on written request to the Office of Facts and Figures, Washington, D. C.

## WHO PROTECTS THE 5TH COLUMN

By EDWARD DE VALERA DONOHUE, Associate Editor, The Washington Teamster

Day by day the war comes closer to America.

The papers are filled with casualty lists and the reports of enemy war craft in our rivers and harbors.

A submarine sinks a ship in the St. Lawrence river. Another sub sinks another ship in the mouth of the Mississippi. A third lurks only 300 yards off the Florida coast to blast another ship and a fourth pumps shells at a California oil refinery.

What happened to those wide oceans that Lindbergh said would forever protect us against such attack?

Before the war is much older, the war will be much closer to America than it is today.

It must be obvious to anyone that the submarines that got the ships in the St. Lawrence and Mississippi rivers knew what they were doing. They had accurate reports of the movements of their prey. The submarine off the Florida coast also probably knew the route of the ship it got. And, of course, the Pacific coast submarine knew the location of the oil refinery.

How do they know these things?

From the Fifth Column in the United States.

That is why we insist that the government take all necessary steps to destroy the Fifth Column before it destroys us. The penalty for work of this sort is death. So far, the government has scarcely slapped a wrist.

Closely paralleling the activity of the Fifth Column, if not actually a part of it, is the huge propaganda organization in this country attempting to destroy American morale through confusion and suspicion.

We see it and hear it on all sides. It crops up in isolated spots but it all fits into the same general pattern. Take the paper, Social Justice, for instance.

It follows the same policy as the X-ray. Social Justice was edited by a Catholic priest and the X-ray by a Ku Kluxer. Nobody would suspect them of having anything in common. But read their papers. The priest and Kluxer pursue the same identical policy, breathing hatred of President Roosevelt and of our allies, England and Russia. Even a moron knows that if England or Russia falls, we fall with them.

Yet the priest and the Kluxer do everything possible to alienate us from England and Russia. Why? They certainly must know that their policies carried to a conclusion mean victory for the Japs and Germans.

By their actions they are proved enemy agents. But the government gently folds up their papers and turns the other cheek.

Father Coughlin and the Kluxer Asher belong in jail on the basis of what they have already done, and tried to do.

But they do not stand alone. Behind them and supplying the inspiration and material for their editorials are such wealthy metropolitan editors as William Randolph Hearst, Col. Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, Capt. Joseph Medill Patterson of the New York Daily News, and Mrs. Eleanor Medill Patterson of the Washington Times-Herald. The Patterson woman is related to McCormick and her New York namesake.

The things these publishers say are quoted with glee by the Berlin and Tokyo radios. Sometimes the newspapers speak first and sometimes the Axis radio, but they always say the same things.

They stand like an umbrella protecting the little traitors like Coughlin and Asher from the full sunlight of exposure.

And who stands over the Patterson and Hearst families? Read the roll calls of the Congress of the United States and you will find the answer. They are protected by a gang of America Firsters (first cousins of the Fifth Column), led by such callous characters as Senator Burton K. Wheeler and Gerald P. Nye. In their gang is Bulow, Walsh, Hiram Johnson and "Curly" Brooks, probably so nicknamed because he can curl around a swastika.

These senators, in cooperation with another gang in the House, keep a watchful and protective eye over the newspaper seditious, clamoring constantly for freedom of the press and the right of free speech, so that the Hearsts, Pattersons and Coughlins can go to greater lengths to destroy these very rights by contributing to a totalitarian victory.

Under cover of this clamor, the professional Axis spies do their work, informing the enemy of ship movements, mapping the location of war plants for possible bombings and performing other similar tasks which are frequently reflected in the death notices in the newspapers every time another submarine gets a merchant vessel.

The war comes ever closer behind this smokescreen.

We say, to the government—Get behind this smokescreen and see who is lurking there. Put the screws on every seditious in America—large or small, cleric or Kluxer, private citizen or public official—and tear this gigantic conspiracy apart.

This is no time to quibble over habeas corpus or civil rights while our boys are dying on the high seas.

This is war. We must hit our enemies wherever we find them.

In his address to the nation, President Roosevelt pointed out the dangers that inflation holds for America. He also gave us a plan that would prevent inflation.

An important part of the program calls upon all citizens to buy War Bonds until it hurts, and then buy some more. By doing this we will not only be keeping an excessive amount of money out of circulation, but we will also be making sure that our soldiers, sailors and marines have the equipment with which to do the job required to beat Hitler and Hirohito.

## Rotten Goods Sent Out by Anti-Labor Co.

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lion fortune to fight labor on the theory that people like dogs will eat anything that comes out of a can.

"But the human consumption is rapidly decreasing as organized labor is getting the facts on Morgan products. Before long, even the dogs may be scratching dirt over it."

Morgan, whose anti-union antics are known from coast-to-coast, once said that he would rather run his business at the point of a gun than yield to his workers' demands for their own labor organization.

If Morgan continues to operate his cannery in opposition to the public welfare, as shown by his safety record and the above Pure Food violations, it may be necessary for the government to take stronger action than Judge Baltzell did in levying the \$400.00 fine.

The Morgan safety record, which revealed that the company's scab trucks were involved in 230 highway accidents killing eight people and injuring scores, is directly traceable to the fact that low labor standards make it virtually impossible for them to hire competent drivers. All of his ace men, members of the Crothersville Local 694, left the company's employ when they went on strike for better wages and working conditions more than three years ago!

The difficulties Morgan is now experiencing putting out foods that will get by the government Pure Foods inspectors are probably also traceable to the fact that competent inside workers will no longer submit to the Morgan slave standards.

## Nelson Is Not For Anti-Labor Legislation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, urged Congress to let wage and hours statutes alone, to permit the continuance of payment of time and one-half for work beyond forty hours a week, and not outlaw, even for the duration of the war, the closed union shop.

To suspend the forty-hour law, he held, would not bring greater production of war materials nor create a more sustained effort in war industry.

**Would Demoralize Workers**

"If we abolish the forty-hour week by law," he testified before the House Naval Affairs Committee, "we do not gain one hour of additional work in our war industries; but naturally we create a widespread demand for increases in wage rates, throw the entire wage structure out of adjustment, and remove an important incentive for labor to shift from nonessential industries into war production jobs."

Mr. Nelson's testimony amounted to a flat repudiation of the Smith Bill, which would abolish the forty-hour week, all overtime payments and the closed shop for the duration of the war.

His one thought and concentration, he told the committeemen, who had called him in for questioning, was upon production. He wanted nothing, he said, to interrupt or disrupt that.

**Prepared for Overtime**

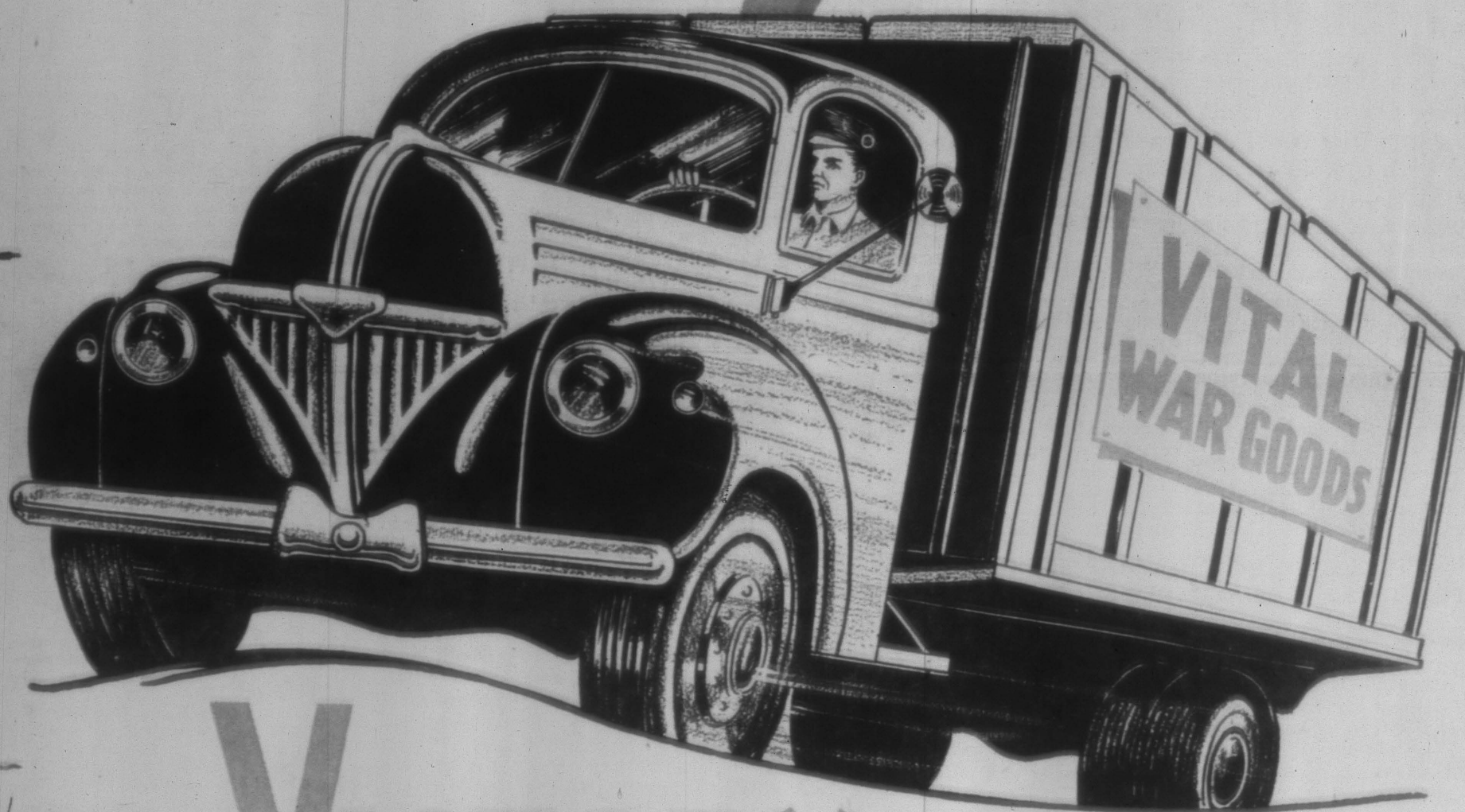
The national wage structure, Mr. Nelson emphasized, had been adjusted to the forty-hour week provisions, and most war contracts had been drafted with the likelihood of overtime work in mind.

The closed shop, he told the committee, was operating extensively to the mutual satisfaction of employer and worker. In such cases, he observed, he would "leave well enough alone." The War Labor Board, he said, could handle the disputes.





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